

**Introduced by Senator Sher**

February 13, 2003

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An act to amend Section 2116 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to endangered species, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 216, as introduced, Sher. Endangered species: recovery strategy pilot program.

(1) Existing law requires the Department of Fish and Game to develop and implement a recovery strategy pilot program for the Greater Sandhill crane. Existing law authorizes the Fish and Game Commission, based on recommendations from the department, to identify four additional candidate, threatened, or endangered species for which the department is required to develop and implement a recovery strategy. Under existing law, the pilot program is repealed as of January 1, 2004.

This bill would continue that existing law beyond January 1, 2004, by extending the repeal date to January 1, 2009.

(2) Existing law continuously appropriates money in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund to the department and the commission to pay all necessary expenses incurred in carrying out the Fish and Game Code, and to pay the compensation and expenses of the commissioners and employees of the commission.

By extending the program described in (1), the bill would impose additional duties on the department, and thereby make an appropriation.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1.   Section 2116 of the Fish and Game Code is  
2     amended to read:  
3     2116.   This article shall remain in effect only until January 1,  
4     ~~2004~~ 2009, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted  
5     statute, which is enacted before January 1, ~~2004~~ 2009, deletes or  
6     extends that date. However, this section does not apply to a  
7     recovery strategy that is approved or implemented pursuant to this  
8     article on or before January 1, ~~2004~~ 2009, and those recovery  
9     strategies, and any permits or memoranda of understanding  
10    relating thereto, shall remain effective as if this article had not been  
11    repealed.

